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SUBJECT: DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT

REF: STATE 227332 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY BONN IS REQUESTED TO PURCHASE AND SHIP TO MOSCOW ONE
IBM 5100 PORTABLE COMPUTER MODEL C IN APL AND BASIC LANGUAGES,
64K STORAGE WITH ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT AS FOLLOWS:

5103 PRINTER
5106 AUXILIARY TAPE UNIT AND 100 CARTRIDGES
EXTERNAL I/O ADOPTER NO. 3601

2. EMBASSY MOSCOW REQUIRES MINI-COMPUTER TO MONITOR SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES. PRESENT CAPABILITY WILL END WITH
DEPARTURE OF SCI COUNSELOR LATE THIS MONTH WHO WILL TAKE WITH HIM
HIS PERSONALLY OWNED MACHINE. HIS DEPARTURE WILL ALSO DEPRIVE
THE EMBASSY OF HIS SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMMING EXPERTISE. MONITORING OF
S&T COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IS OF PARAMONT IMPORTANCE AS EVIDENCED
BY REQUIREMENT FOR QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND
WIDESPREAD NATIONAL INTEREST. THE VOLUME OF DATA IS SO MASSIVE
THAT IT CAN BE HANDLED ONLY BY AUTOMATED MEANS. IN ADDITION,
THE MINI-COMPUTER IS REQUIRED TO ENSURE READY ACCESS TO FILE OF
PENDING VISA APPLICATIONS IN ORDER TO ENSURE TIMELY ACTIONS ON
REQUESTS BY CONSULAR SECTION PERSONNEL. DUE TO THE POLITICAL
SENSITIVITIES AND MULTI-AGENCY USG COORDINATION REQUIRED,
AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING IS REQUIRED. OTHER PROGRAMMED USES
INCLUDE HOUSING MANAGEMENT, TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, AND P&C PROGRAMS.

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3. IBM HAS BEEN SLECTED AS THE SOLE SOURCE SUPPLIER BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY COMPANY ABLE TO PROVIDE FULL TIME SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES AND SOFTWARE SERVICING IN MOSCOW. THIS IS CRITICAL FOR LOCAL OPERATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, ONLY IBM HAS ADEQUATE MEMORY CAPACITY. MOREOVER IBM 5100 IS COMPATIBLE WITH EQUIPMENT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE IN THE DEPARTMENT.

4. FOR BONN: PLEASE INFORM EUR/EX AND EMBASSY MOSCOW OF PURCHASE PRICE. ESTIMATED COST PER GSA CONTRACT:

5100 MODEL C	\$18,312
5103 PRINTER	3,528
5106 TAPE UNIT	2,208
EXTERNAL I/O ADOPTER	288
CASSETTES	?

\$24,336

5. FOR EUR/EX: PLEASE INCREASE MOSCOW'S ALLOTMENT ACCORDINGLY.

6. FOR A/O/ISO: REQUEST H-P BASIC PROGRAMS CURRENTLY ON FILE IN DEPARTMENT BE REPROGRAMMED FOR IBM BASIC LANGUAGE. PARTICULARLY CRITICAL ARE SCIENCE EXCHANGE DATA AND VISA APPLICATIONS. OF SECONDARY BUT STILL CRUCIAL IMPORT IS THE HOUSING PROGRAM. YOUR IMMEIDATE ASSISTANCE WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

7. FOR BONN: REQUEST MOSCOW BE NOTIFIED OF PURCHASING INFO AND DELIVERY TIME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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